

To Whom It May Concern



This is a letter of introduction used by our students from Albany Senior High School to give you a better idea of what Impact Projects are as well as the expectations we have for our students and their learning.

Impact projects provide our students with the opportunity and space to take charge of their own learning through designing a project that requires them to take their learning and connect it with the world beyond the classroom. Our students are able to deepen their specialist subject understanding and even go beyond what can be offered by the school curriculum to enrich their learning and their community.

Impact projects are highly structured project based learning experiences that are developed in teams or individually with guidance from a specialist teacher at school. We know that when a project includes consultation with experts in the community, such as yourselves, it will lead to richer and more rewarding outcomes for the students and the community. These collaborations also give our students a chance to develop the skills, attributes and networks needed for success now and beyond school. When the project is completed the students must present what has been accomplished to the school community and the final product is measured against success criteria which may include but is not limited to NCEA standards.

If you decide that you would like work with our students you can expect that:

The students will provide contact details of their impact project teacher  
@ashs.school.nz

The students will present their project proposal to you and find out if there is a way in which that teacher would like to work with them.

They will re-work the success criteria of the project to reflect this collaboration.

If the student/s are working from your site they must make sure that the times are organised with you in advance are suitable and that they have sought the necessary approval from school.

Any resources or activities that students are producing for you reflect the success criteria and that the students are delivering a quality service (e.g. teaching or coaching).

Students will also be expected to share their e-portfolio URL with you so that you are able to post feedback and comment on the level to which they have met their success criteria.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to participate and contribute in their community while they are still at school. We really do appreciate your willingness and consideration sharing your expertise with our students as we know this kind of learning can make a great difference to all those involved in it.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with the supervising teacher, or the school

For more information on impact projects

Yours sincerely  
Barbara Cavanagh